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SUBJECT: PLANNED DEMONSTRATION DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

1. ON MARCH 9 RICHARD M. BOWERS, REPRESENTING THE "JUNE
12 COMMITTEE"BROUGHT TO THE MISSION A LETTER FOR AMB
LOWENSTEIN AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REGARDING THE PLANS OF
THIS ORGANIZATION TO STAGE A CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE SIT-IN
AT USUN ON JUNE 12 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT. BOWERS EXPLAINED THAT THE JUNE 12 COMMIT-
TEE IS ACTUALLY THE WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE ORGANIZED TO
MOBILIZE A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST USUN ON THAT DAY. THE
COMMITTEE, IN ADDITION TO STAGING THIS SIT-IN, INTENDS TO
SUBMIT A DRAFT PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
SOMETIME IN APRIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION IN MAKING ITS
PRESENTATION AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW
OR WHERE THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE PRESENTED. THE MAIN
ELEMENTS OF THIS PROPOSAL AS WE UNDERSTAND IT ARE A CALL
FOR UNILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE START OF THIS
PROCESS BY A 15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE US DEFENSE
BUDGET BY JUNE, 1979.

2. BOWERS PRESENTED US ALSO WITH A COPY OF THE INFORMA-
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TION SHEET EXPLAINING THE PURPOSES OF THE DEMONSTRATION
AND THE PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR ITS ORGANIZATION. IN
ADDITION, HE GAVE US THE TEXT OF THE FLIER WHICH THE JUNE
12 COMMITTEE INTENDS TO DISTRIBUTE IN SEEKING TO ORGANIZE
PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMONSTRATION. COPIES OF THESE
PAPERS HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO MACUK IO/UNP.

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3. THE DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED BY BOWERS ALSO NOTED PLANS FOR A MASS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF DISARMAMENT SPONSORED BY THE MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL (MFS) ON SATURDAY, MAY 27 IN DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA. THE MAY 27 EVENT IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PEACEFUL MARCH AND PRESENTATION OF A PETITION TO USUN. DAVID MCREYNOLDS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MFS HAVE DISCUSSED THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THIS EVENT WITH STONEY COOKS.

4. WE NOTE THAT MCREYNOLDS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE WILL ATTEND MARCH 11 NGO CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. SSOD COORDINATOR WEILER OR OTHERS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS MAY 27 AND JUNE 12 EVENTS IN FURTHER DETAIL WITH THEM. YOUNG

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